Environment Facility (GEF) and also under bilateral cooperation. India has received an indicative allocation of US$ 74.9 millions to fund climate change projects (2006-2010) in the country through GEF, which is the multilateral financial mechanism.

(d) and (e) Government of India has already set up an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India on impacts of Climate Change to identify the impacts of anthropogenic Climate Change on India and to identify the measures that we may have to take in the future in relation to addressing vulnerability to anthropogenic Climate Change impacts. The composition of the Expert Committee includes eminent scientists and representatives of various Ministries and Departments concerned.

Scheme for the protection of environment

†1838. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has fomulated any action plan for the protection of the environment in coordination with his Ministry and Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Government is conscious of the need for protection of environment and has formulated National Environment Policy during May, 2006. The Policy aims at implementing regulatory reforms, programmes and projects for environmental conservation, review & enactment of legislation, by the agencies of Central, State & Local Governments. The Policy also seeks to encourage partnerships of different stakeholders. The principal objectives of the Policy are conservation of critical environmental resources; intra-generational equity: livelihood security for the poor; inter-generational equity; integration of environmental concerns in economic and social development; efficiency in environmental resource use; environmental governance; and enhancement of resources for environmental conservation.

Land for the Pamba Project

1839. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether land for the Pamba Project has been made available;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present hurdles in the implementation of the project;

(d) whether Government has taken any step to remove these hurdles;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (f) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has received one proposal for construction of road (0.857 ha) in Pamba valley and one proposal for irrigation (1.4435 ha) on Pamba and Kakki Rivers in the year 2002 and 2004 respectively and both were accorded approval by the Ministry.

Increasing deaths of elephants and himalayan brown bears

1840. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.